(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986 has by & large stood the test of time. The extant NPE has been adopted by the Parliament in May 1986. The framework established therein continues to be valid. Making education relevant to contemporary needs is a continuous, ongoing, incremental process. For example the NPE, 1986 was suitably modified in 1992 on the recommendations of CABE.

To address the present day needs, the National Curriculum Framework—2005 has been prepared by NCERT. It has been finalized in the meeting of CABE held on 6-7 September, 2005 after wide ranging discussions.

New IITs and IIMs

125. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts are being made to set up new IITs and IIMs in various cities of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration to set up new IITs and IIMs in various cities of Andhra Pradesh.

Expenditure on IIMs

126. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the investment made in establishment of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), including intangible assets, building and annual grants etc., since their inception;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of that IIMs are contemplating to establish their extensions in foreign countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the status of such extensions *e.g.* whether full campus or only study centres for conducting some management skill development programmes or franchise etc. and terms of enrolment of potential students at such extensions;

(d) whether Government's approval has been accorded to their proposals;

(e) if so, the basis thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons for refusing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The information is being collected from IIMs and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(b) to (f) The Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore is currently examining the viability of setting up a campus abroad.

Security to academics

127. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the academics are against heavy security on campuses;

(b) if so, whether Government had held talks with them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Academic institutions are autonomous bodies, and decisions relating to security in campuses are taken by them as per their own requirements. As such, Government has no role to play in such issues unless approached by institutions with specific security concerns, if any.

Telecast of IGNOU programmes

128. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indira Gandhi National Open University telecasts educational programmes in English and Hindi through Gyan Darshan;